

The Crux of the Matter (1 Corinthians 2:2)

Sermon Devotional

Series: The Cross

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1. What is the most well-known symbol of the Christian faith?
2. For some, a cross is a piece of art. For others, a cross contains no real meaning. What do you believe the cross symbolized for people living in the first century?

Digging Deeper

3. Read 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 or access Pastor David's message at broadviewchurch.com/media.
4. In this verse, the apostle Paul tells the church at Corinth that, although he had the ability to impress them with his knowledge and speech, he refrained to do so. Instead, to what subject does verse 2 say that he restricted his knowledge?
5. According to verse 4, knowing nothing except "Jesus Christ and him crucified" demonstrated what?
6. When our speech demonstrates the Holy Spirit's power instead of our own persuasive wisdom, what effect does verse 5 say it has on our faith?
7. What does the mentioning of the cross of Jesus Christ imply to a non-believer?

Bringing It Home

8. Do you believe that the message of the cross might offend some people?
 9. If the cross is offensive to some, do you believe that we should avoid mentioning it in order to gain a bigger audience? Or is the cross so central to our faith that we must never seek to avoid it, even if it causes offense?
 10. What does the cross of Christ mean to you?
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